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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light or moderate variable winds, Westerly direction predominating; fine at first, but showers developing this afternoon.
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Four Americans Reported Missing In Soviet Zone

RUSSIANS PLEAD IGNORANCE

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Four Americans have been missing for more than 12 hours in Germany's Russian Zone, the U.S. Military Police announced early today. MP officials asked the Soviet authorities whether the Americans had been arrested.

The four missing persons left Berlin in two automobiles at noon yesterday, driving down the blockaded highway toward Western Germany. At latest reports, neither car had reached Helmstedt, where the highway crosses into the British Zone. Helmstedt is about two hours' drive from Berlin.

New Volcano Threat

Manila, Sept. 5.—A new crater on Mt. Ilibot-hibok volcano on Camiguin Island, in the Philippines, was reported today to be erupting violently and threatening to engulf Mambajao, the island's largest town, with molten lava and burning ash. Two villages, Esperanza and Abo, have already been submerged by thousands of tons of hot mud moving down towards the sea.

While the old crater continued to emit grey clouds, the new crater appeared two miles eastwards, reported Mr. Arturo Alcaraz, the first Government volcanologist to visit the scene.

The northern part of the island, within a radius of five miles from the volcano, was declared a danger zone. The Army and Constabulary advised the clearing of a much larger area. Only one casualty was reported.

Meanwhile, mass evacuation is being carried out in an orderly fashion. Fifty-thousand inhabitants have already been evacuated. Manila authorities do not expect the eruptions to increase their severity.

The total damage at present could not be estimated. Damage to coconut and other plantations is considerable and the final reckoning of damage is thought to be heavy.

Mr. Erdos, according to the Military Police, and the second by Mr. Sutton. There were two unnamed passengers in Mr. Sutton's car. All four apparently were civilians.

Russian officials said they had no information about the four, who appeared to have been misled into trying to drive into Eastern Germany by rumours that the Soviet blockade of Berlin had been lifted.

The first report of the four missing travellers came about 20 hours after six "joyriding" American soldiers arrested late Saturday night in the Russian sector of Berlin were surrendered to the United States authorities.

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WHAT A VOICE

Anti-Communist city officials appealed again today for a voice in the present negotiations between Russia and the West.

Berlin's acting mayor, Ferdinand Friedensburg, and Ernst Reuter, elected mayor whom the Russians did not let take office, asked Germany's four occupiers to receive

the Communists' expected march on the City Hall tomorrow when the City Assembly will attempt to meet.—United Press.

Cameras Lose Speed Plane

Cleveland, Sept. 5.—A fully armed United States Air Force Jet fighter, in which Major Richard Johnson was believed to have flown at 650 miles per hour failed to establish a new world record because the official timing cameras caught only three of the passes over the three-kilometre course, the Air Force Division announced tonight.

The record that Major Johnson tried to smash was 650.700 miles an hour set up a year ago by a United States Navy plane.

After the failure of Major Johnson had been announced an official explained that because of the failure to catch the upwind and downwind passes the film could not be submitted to the International Aeronautical Federation for ratification.

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These French troops are living mortar bombs during a practice session in the vicinity of a proposed new airfield in the French sector of Berlin. Most of men are new recruits serving compulsory year with the French Army.—Acme Picture.

They're Only Practising



TRAIN STAND BY FOR BERLIN

Ready For End Of Soviet Blockade

Berlin, Sept. 5.—Two coal trains, with steam up, were standing by tonight at Helmstedt, the little British Zone frontier station on the main line to Berlin.

Railwaymen were all at their posts. They awaited the green light from the German capital, where negotiations to end the 11-weeks' Soviet blockade appeared on the verge of success.

Helmstedt railway officials confirmed late this evening, after a day of conflicting reports, that they expected the order for rail traffic to be resumed between Berlin and the Eastern Zone "at any time."

Bizonal railway headquarters in Frankfurt had earlier denied Hanover reports that orders had actually been given to prepare for the opening of inter-zonal traffic "almost immediately, possibly today or tomorrow."

The Soviet-licensed Berlin paper, National Zeitung, said today however that the four Military Governors—who met yesterday for the fifth consecutive day—had "already" decided to reopen traffic lines to the West.

NO SUNDAY MEETING

The Military Governors had no meeting today, but a British spokesman in Berlin said that they would concur again tomorrow. The four-power transport committee met, but there were no sessions of the finance and trade committees.

The Governors' meeting, which was to have been held this afternoon, was postponed because these committees came to no definite decisions, according to well informed circles quoted by DENA, the German news agency.

British and American aircraft on the Berlin airlift made 503 flights to the capital during the 24 hours ending at midday yesterday.

Hanover railway authorities said today that the Helmstedt officials had been ordered to take necessary steps to enable the resumption of inter-zonal traffic to be brought into effect almost immediately.

Berlin's City Assembly will meet in the City Hall in the Soviet sector tomorrow for the session that has been postponed almost daily for more than a week.

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NO FIRE CRACKERS

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Reports reaching Singapore from Burma said that no less than four almost separate insurrections were under way there, and it was doubted if the Burmese Premier, Thakin Nu, would find sufficient popular support to regain control of the country.

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"HAMLET" WINS AWARD

Rome, Sept. 5.—Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet" won the International Grand Prize at Venice film show, it was announced today.

Jean Simmons who played Ophelia in Hamlet, was proclaimed by the jury the best actress and received another Prix International.

Prize for the best actor was awarded to Ernest Deutsch for his acting in the Austrian film "Der Prozess" ("The Trial").

The International prize for the best director was awarded to George Wilhelm Pabst, Austrian producer, for the same picture.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

This Practice Must Stop

THE McDermott affair calls for the strongest possible protest. According to unchallenged court evidence, a European civilian, by name of McDermott, was not only stopped in the street by an RAF patrol and requested to prove his identity, but when, as a civilian, he refused, he was badly beaten up. A worse example of authority being grossly exceeded could hardly be conceived, and it is time services policemen had made clear to them the limits of their duties. The McDermott incident is the first known case where MPs have used strong-arm methods against innocent civilians, but it is by no means the first time non-servicemen have been accosted by military police, and demanded to prove their bona-fides. In fact, it has been brought to our attention that two British schoolboys of senior age, went through this experience recently and had quite a difficult time convincing the overbearing MPs that they were not army deserters. What has to be made clear to MPs is that in the first place they have no right to challenge civilians; that here in Hongkong civilians do not have to possess identity cards; and that a civilian is fully within his rights to refuse to answer questions put to him by any but a Government police officer. The authoritarian behaviour of the MPs in the McDermott affair was shameful, and we are astonished that the magistrate who tried the case

offered no strictures. We are unaware of any statutory rights for MPs to accost and cross-examine civilians in the streets, and if by any chance the local authorities have tacitly conceded them this privilege, the public will demand that it be withdrawn at once. We should have thought the MPs had quite sufficient to do to look after their own without trespassing on the duties of the civil police who are given legal powers to apprehend civilian suspects. If MPs feel the public need protection from a recalcitrant person their duty starts and stops at calling a civil police officer. They are not entitled to flaunt the limited authority invested in them and to behave like the late Mr. Hitler's boy-friends. They are expected, of course, to render assistance to a civil police officer if called upon to do so, but they cannot, and must not be allowed to assume this authority. The fact that the challenging of McDermott in a Kowloon street is not an isolated incident indicates that the MPs have not been properly briefed either concerning their duties or the limit of their legal powers. This should be done without further delay, and in future, where it can be shown that an MP has exceeded his authority he should receive disciplinary punishment. It is insisted that the growing practice of MPs interfering with the accepted liberties of the civilian be stopped forthwith.

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FRENCH WORKERS TO RECEIVE BONUS

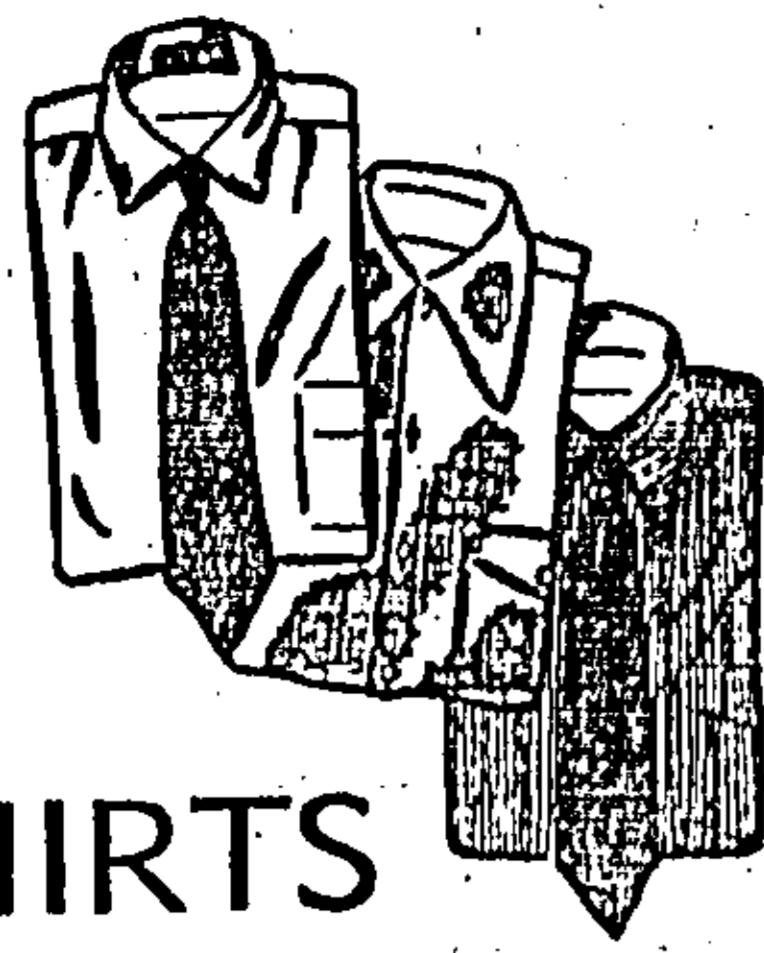
Paris, Sept. 5.—After its first meeting tonight, M. Robert Schuman's new French Government issued a communiqué confirming the payment of a 2,500 francs bonus to all wage earners, excluding the Civil Service, at an unspecified date this week.

The fact that the bonus was to be paid once only was taken by observers to indicate that the Government intended to tackle the problem of salaries without delay. The decl-

ision followed a demand by all French trade unions last week for a bonus of 3,000 francs retrospective from August 1 and payable each month until the wages question was settled by the Government.

The communiqué said that the new Council of Ministers, as its first task, had reviewed the nation's economic and financial situation. The Council will meet again tomorrow under President Auriol.

The Government was formed against a background of "pin-prick strikes"—stoppages varying from 15 minutes to 24 hours—all over the



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ALL-IN
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by ANNE COVENDRAS
ONE outfit—with eight variations suitable for swimming, tennis, cycling, dancing, and bathing—is the attache case week-end wardrobe of today's Sportsgirl.

It is a six-piece set in tan and white, candy-striped and plain. The pieces are brassiere, bathing trunks, and calf-lengths slacks (or jeans) in tan wool; shorts in white pique; sweater and skirt in striped Jersey material. The jersey has horizontal stripes, the skirt vertical ones.

Robb shows you five of the possible variations; the other three are:—skirt and brassiere for sun bathing; sweater and shorts for tennis; and, the brassiere and jeans for beach games.

The outfit can be expensive or otherwise, depending on the material you choose. But the idea is to check the items you already have, and make or buy the missing pieces to match.

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Photographed is the sweater-jeans outfit worn by the girl with the bicycle. The girl with the basket wears the sweater and skirt as a dress. The two girls with the bicycles show the change between brassiere and sweater. The girl in the punt wears the brassiere with the white pique shorts.

Subtle Beauty for the Eyes



Mascara and eye shadow, properly applied, bring out the natural beauty of your eyes.

By HELEN FOLLETT

There is a brown-green that is flattering to the girl with copper-coloured hair.

On some mascara offerings you will find a sponge moistener that enables you to keep just the right amount of water on the brush for a perfect application.

Have you ever heard of the eye lash curler? A cute little gadget and it does the business. Slip the whiskers over a rubber bow, adjust it as close to the eyelids as you can. Then you carefully squeeze the handles together several times to produce a natural looking tilt to the silvery shafts. Fun to play with.

If you don't wish to use mascara—maybe your lashes are as black as the raven's wing and you don't need it—put a little bit of lash pomade on the rubber bows before curling. Loosen the grip slightly, draw the curler off along the lashes, distributing the pomade evenly from roots to tips. The valances of the soul window curtains will carry a luster.

The correct technique is subtle, natural looking and flattering. Once you learn the trick, it is easy to apply mascara and shadows as to touch the rosy glow to your lips.

Use an eyelash pomade nightly to make the little whiskers grow. After using powder, touch the lashes with mascara. Black can be used if one is a brunette, a dark brown is better for the blonde and the redhead. For evening you will find a combination of black and blue that is intriguing.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch's Beautiful Garden

—It Had Some Strange Flowers in It—

By MAX TRELL



On rainy days there was sunshine in Mr. Punch's garden.

Mr. Punch didn't seem to hear Hanid. "And I grew wonderful vegetables, too, my dears. You can't imagine what fine baked potatoes I used to grow."

Boiled Onions

"I did. And I grew boiled onions, and boiled peas, and ice-cold water-melon, and lettuce in little wooden salted bowls, and cucumbers in slices, and radishes with salt on them. Yes, it was a very odd garden. No one had ever grown those things before. And I suppose," he added a bit sadly, "no one ever will. Well, I thought I'd tell you about it."

And saying that, Mr. Punch shut his eyes and took a nap. And though Knarf and Hanid both begged him to tell more about his wonderfully odd garden—and to find out whether he also grew apple dumplings, and peeled oranges, and cat-tails that uncowed, and Blackeyed Susans that winked their eyes, and poppies and also mommies... but Mr. Punch just wouldn't answer. He stayed fast asleep.

KITCHENETTE

AUNT PEGGY

PEPPER RELISH

Pepper is not usually advisable for youngsters, but taken in a small quantity now and then is not harmful, and here Jeanne Shawblosky, 15 years old, has a recipe for "pepper relish" which "I know is good because I helped my mother put up some and I like it."

4 cups green peppers.

4 cups red sweet peppers.

4 cups onions.

4 cups celery.

1/4 cup salt.

3 cups sugar.

3 cups vinegar.

Cover the peppers, onions and celery, all chopped fine, with boiling water. Drain after five minutes and add the rest of the ingredients. Boil rapidly for 10 minutes, put in jars and seal.

The recipe seems easy and Aunt Peggy would like to point out that smaller quantities can be put up if the ingredients are used in the same proportion. For instance, if you wish to make just half the recipe you would use only two cups of the ingredients which are called for in quantities of four cups; one-eighth of a cup of salt, and 1 1/2 cups each of sugar and vinegar.

Rupert & Ting-Ling



At length Rupert reaches Li-poo's house, and he finds the mandarin fanning himself on a terrace. "Please come quickly," he shouts. "A huge dragon has found Ting-Ling and it may have gobbled him up by now!" Then he waits in anxiety, but to his amazement the old man hardly troubles to turn his head. "Do you see?" he mutters. "Well, little beast?" he continues. "Well, why not?" Rupert starts in bewilderment. "These Chinese are the limit," he thinks. "Does nothing ever excite them?"

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RED RYDER
Time Grows Short



By Fred Harman

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



FREIGHT PILE-UP—The wreckage of two sets of freight cars lie piled up on a river bank after a collision at Wellesville, Ohio. One of the train crew was slightly injured, and damage is estimated at U.S.\$100,000. A broken wheel on one of the cars is believed to have caused the accident, which derailed 30 cars and tore up several hundred feet of track.



TALL STORY—Ed Ecker, six-foot, seven-inch tackle for the Chicago Bears, sends half-back Allen Lawler, five feet, ten inches, up into the clouds so that the "Little Bear" can send a high pass. Might come in handy this autumn, but now it's only a gag while the team is training.



BABY SITTING, JERUSALEM STYLE—Jewish WIZO workers bring babies out for fresh air after the youngsters had been cooped up in cellars during a recent shelling of Jerusalem. Sandbags are filled with cow fodder; larger ones with Australian hay. Fodder and hay both came to this locale with cows from outlying districts. The picture was taken at the French convent during a lull in the fighting.



SMALL FRY—Not too familiar with the intricacies of the law, three-year-old Bruce Carlton tries to reason with a policeman at St Petersburg, Florida, after hauling in this undersized bass. The fish was somewhat short of legal length (one foot), but the officer "looked the other way" this time.



ALL SIZES—Weighing only three pounds at the ripe old age of 20 days, "Baby Boy" Fox, left, is a lot smaller than day-old "Big Boy" Rusky, weighing in at 11 pounds, 13 ounces, who outeats and outweighs the nursery in a Chicago hospital.



LEADS THE WAY—Leaving the Jewish Agency building after discussing the touchy subject of Jerusalem's demilitarisation, UN mediator Count Folke Bernadotte (centre), heads a procession of Jewish officials and UN observers.



NOT ALL WORK—Ellen James, Shirley Model and Joyce Russa (left to right) are three pretty Miami products who help to keep the job interesting for construction workers building a new million-dollar night club on the site of the famed Copacabana, completely destroyed by fire last year.

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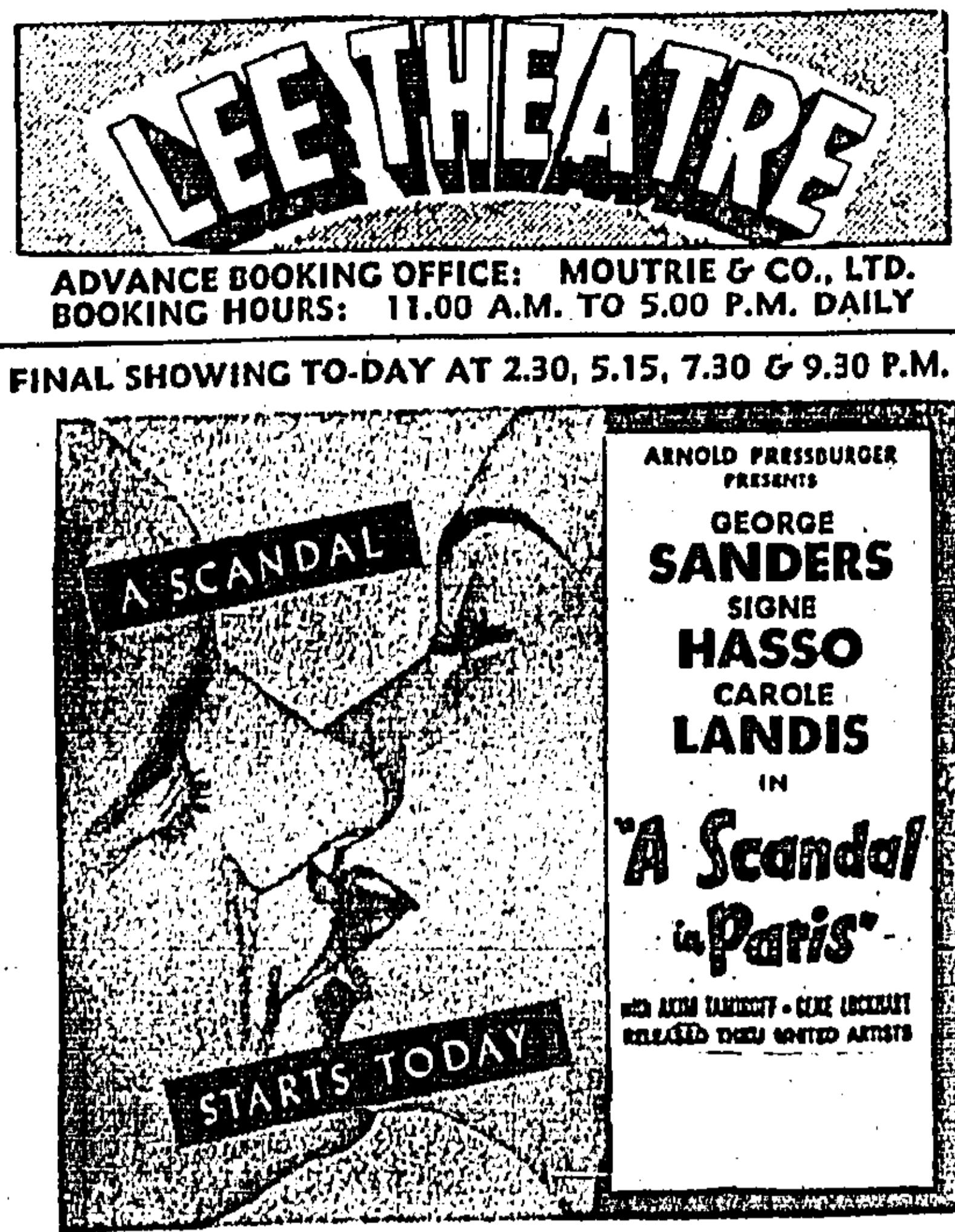
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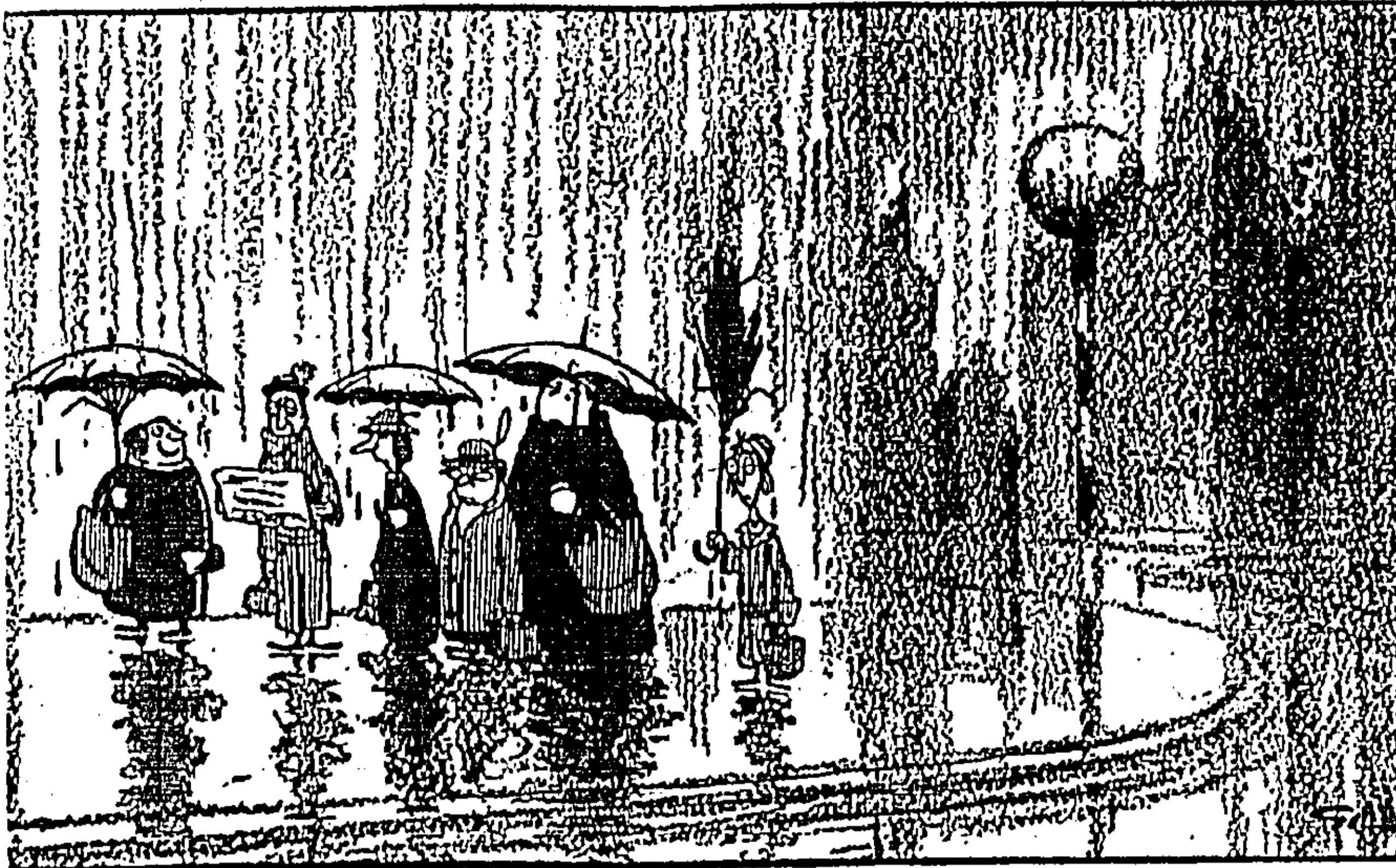
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R. M. MacColl
pays a return
visit to the heart
of America's
wheat belt

SIDNEY, Nebraska.
JUST two years ago I visited Farmer George Fleming in the heart of America's wheat belt to see how life was treating him and nature treating the harvest.

Thanks to the world food shortage, coupled with the vertiginous boom in America, life then was treating Farmer George with great solicitude.

How now? What is George Fleming—prototype of the men who this year have harvested yet another of America's fantastic bumper crops (official estimate 1,289 million bushels of wheat)—saying and thinking of his own life and of the dimly realised world beyond?

Farmer George and the thousands of other American Farmer Georges have still "got it good"—unbelievably good.

Farmer George has decided to leave the comfortable, but isolated, farmhouse where he and his wife have lived for most of their 25 years of married life. They are moving into the heart of Sidney itself.

They are building a new house—an unusual house, unique in Nebraska. It is one of the newish California School of Architecture bungalows, deceptively simple, with outflung wings and lots of glass and a low-walled court-yard at the back.

The price? An estimated £20,000. "But," says Farmer George, with a deceptive simplicity matching that of his bungalow, "I don't figure that's an extravagance. If I waited till times were bad, it would take two or three crops to be able to pay for the house. Now, with the good times, I can build it with one crop."

Extravagant? No!

SPECIAL stonemasons have been imported from Denver, 160 miles away, to chisel the red Colorado stone.

Seven bricklayers were brought in from Denver, too, as the local men were busy. They arrived in brand-new Cadillacs, and Farmer George has cheerfully been paying their board and lodgings in Sidney while they work for him (£1 per hour per man).

"No, I don't figure that's an extravagance either," he says. "Got

Mr. Fleming celebrates the boom

to have the men if I want to get the house built."

Coyote skins hang on the walls in the old house, a mute testimony to the changes of fortune possible in this strange, swirling America. For 15 years ago, during the great depression, Farmer George was forced to pad his meagre income by shooting coyotes to get a Government bounty on their skins. He smiles tolerantly at the thought today.

Farmer George is envied not only architecturally for his new house, but also technically for his new farm implements. He has succeeded in buying a brand-new Canadian super-combine, a giant 10-footer, one of the first to be sold south of the border.

He bought this for about £1,250—list price, that is. Those Canadian fellows don't seem to fool with black market stuff!—and next day received an offer of £1,800 for it.

Car premiums

HE has also got a new farm lorry and a de luxe American drophead coupe for his own use. Although new car premiums have dwindled elsewhere in America, here in the wheat belt they are still staggering.

"Well, we want the cars," says Farmer George. "Our mortgages are all paid up. We've bought plenty of Government bonds like they asked us to. We don't owe nobody nothing. The banks are bursting with our money."

"So when a fellow comes along and offers us fine-looking new cars for £250 more than list price we pay it and no questions asked. Why not?"

Farmer George owns 2,400 acres of wheat. His harvest this year is 25,000 bushels, a drop compared with the last two years because of spring hailstorms.

But he has 10,000 bushels carried over from last year; and at just under 10s. a bushel current price that represents about £4,500.

Farmer George, in short, is sitting pretty, or so it seems.

Prices up

A NY complaints? Oddly enough, wheat prices are down. Only last January wheat was fetching nearly 15s. a bushel. Farmer George has to pay his hired hands three times as much as before. And prices of all farm machinery have doubled.

There is undoubtedly a vague malaise about the future, an impalpable feeling that it is all too good to last. But Farmer George is stoic and I do not think he is losing much sleep about it.

The Marshall plan?

"The help we are giving them over there reverts back here in higher income tax for us, but nobody knows anything about the Marshall plan nor ever talks about it."

War?

"Guess most everybody thinks

there's likelihood of it and some

are quite worried. Looks like we

may have to turn to and lick them

and last tragedy of the American

land can be averted."

Most Nebraska farmers, too, have given up the bad practice of putting a match to a field of stubble after the harvest. The stubble, instead,

is carefully ploughed under as a form of self-fertiliser.

Other parts of America will have to follow suit if all the worst

predictions are to be avoided. But

what energy and good will this vast

and last tragedy of the American

land can be averted.

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWS MAP



I hope Moscow is a New Deal for diplomats

London, Aug. 23. Moscow talks have done an enormous service—even if they end in failure. Most of my 20 years as a newspaper reporter have been spent in foreign countries. In the study of foreign peoples and their affairs in relation to ours.

My work has constantly brought me in contact with members of our foreign service as far as the ability and integrity of its personnel are concerned. I say our foreign service is the best in the world.

The danger

BUT, in all frankness, I have noticed dangerous symptoms of deterioration during the last three years.

If this deterioration is allowed to continue—and I hope the new trend shows that it is not—it may well reduce this most important weapon in our political armoury to impotence.

Mr. Bevin's fear of offending the Left-wingers of his party has had a direct effect on the members of the foreign service. It worked out in different ways.

One was this. Socialist MPs went travelling abroad. They visited the Iron Curtain countries. They came back with bitter Communist-inspired repreaches for our envoys there and accused them of being reactionaries incapable of understanding the progressive regimes set up in these countries.

One after another our ambassadors, Ministers, and heads of missions in these Iron Curtain States were removed from their posts and sent elsewhere.

I don't think it is surprising in the circumstances that already there are some British diplomats careful of their careers who are framing their social conduct, their despatches, and their proposals of action according to what they believe will be politically most pleasing at home.

An example

IN one Iron Curtain capital I found the successor of a removed "reactionary" had ordered his staff to avoid all contact with members of the country's anti-Communist opposition.

As a consequence, in that particular capital Britain has been losing the information which the opposition could give them. The Foreign Office, Mr. Bevin, and the Cabinet have been getting an unnecessarily incomplete picture.

Precision

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one other departure

from the previous tendencies of our postwar diplomacy shown in the technique of these Moscow discussions.

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the news about soil erosion in

Nebraska is encouraging. Ninety percent of Nebraska farmers are working systematically and voluntarily to conserve their precious soil. In the 11 wheat counties of Western Nebraska they have planted 50,000 trees as "windbreaks" in the past 18 months. And this reforestation will continue.

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true, there was no gallery. The Press was excluded from the debates. But instead each delegation had public relations officers in attendance who gave us reporters a verbatim of what each Minister had said.

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That again the conference became a hustings. No delegate was able to eat his words without his indigestion showing.

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Moscow talks this time we are insisting in precision, even if it means that no agreement is reached.

The Russians put up a short draft couched in the vague generalities of their best Poldamase. The Westerners took a look at it, then put up their own draft. This was a much longer document, and proposed in precise detail exactly how each of the controversial issues should be settled. No legalistic loopholes were left for future misunderstandings and disagreements.

It will be a great thing if this change in technique at Moscow is as significant as I believe it may be.

For, if it marks the end of our postwar era of loud-mouthed, table-thumping incoherence combined with pusillanimous appearance of our amateur Left-wing diplomats, and the return to sober professionalism in our diplomacy, then, indeed, these

machinery will bring around the Balkans to make Mr. Vishinsky rule the day he went to Belgrade.

But Sir Charles Peake and Mr. Cavendish Cannon, the equally able U.S. Ambassador, were instructed to treat the conference as a routine diplomatic conference. They scored a couple of neat drawing-room cracks here and there, plus a legal quibble or two.

But that did not prevent their being defeated in what could have been a great victory.

These Moscow talks, whatever their result, are ushering in a new phase in our relations with Russia.

I hope they also go to mean a new deal for our diplomacy.



May Invoke NY State Law To Make Govt Servants Talk

Washington, Sept. 5.—House espionage investigators today studied New York law as a possible weapon to force Government employees to answer their "Are you a Communist?" question.

The refusal of witnesses to answer that question on the grounds that the reply might be incriminating has been a big stumbling block in the House Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of the alleged Communist spy ring in Washington.

Rural Bliss In Malaya

One Small Corner Where Peace Reigns

(BY WILLIAM HARPUR)

Sungai Patani, Kedah, Malaya, Sept. 5.—With harvesting, ploughing and rice planting going on simultaneously, the Malaya state of Kedah, northwest of Malaya's granary, presents a happy picture of rural bliss with little or no indication of the potentially explosive possibilities of Red terrorism and concomitant Sino-Malay friction.

I have just travelled through the state from the Muda River in the south to the Siamese frontier in the north, and outwardly at least there is no sign that conditions have changed since the happy days before the Japanese occupation when Kedah was a semi-autonomous Mohammedan sultanate under British tutelage. Kedah is now a member of the Malayan Federation.

Beneath the surface, however, the situation is strained. It is further complicated by the fact that the state's northern frontier is an arbitrary line drawn through the jungle from Perlis to Kelantan and across this frontier passes not only a brisk illicit traffic in foodstuffs, currency and opium, but also mysterious personages connected with Malaya's present state of terrorism. Infiltration through unmapped jungle paths is a problem at present defeating the best efforts of both the Malayan and Siamese governments.

RELATIONS STRAINED

Partly as a legacy of the Japanese occupation of both countries and partly owing to deeper reasons, relations between the Chinese and Malays leave something to be desired. The Malays, contented and docile as a rule, are capable of Muslim fanaticism if roused by indignation or if their susceptibilities are offended. There have been some killings of Malays by Communists and the danger lies in the Malaya raja (peasant) failing to differentiate between Red terrorists who constitute less than half per cent of the Chinese and the Chinese generally.

The two principal towns of Alor Star, the capital, and Sungai Patani, the southern commercial centre (near which are situated the extensive American owned Harvard Estates) have installed fluorescent lights and coffee shops, the centre of native social life and gossip, remain open to a late hour, but in the more remote villages shops bar their shutters at an early hour while outside is heard the tramp, tramp of hastily recruited special constables on the rounds.—United Press.



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Their Majesties the King and Queen attended the first Highland Show to be held since the war. The Show was held at Inverness and attracted a record number of visitors from home as well as overseas, including all parts of the Empire, U.S.A. and South America. There were 1,700 livestock entries with nearly 20 show rings in use at one time. In this picture Their Majesties the King and Queen with Lord Lovat are seen inspecting prize cattle.

LANDLORD LOSES APPEAL

TRIBUNAL'S DECISION NOT TO EVICT UPHELD

The steps required to be taken by a landlord desiring to become direct landlord over sub-tenants of a principal tenant was a procedure which had to be strictly followed, Mr Justice Gould emphasised in the Appeal Court this morning when he delivered judgment in favour of the respondents in an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal.

The appellant was Tsui Ip-shi, a woman, and landlord of No. 414 Queen's Road West. She asked for the reversal of the Tribunal's decision on the grounds that it was against the weight of evidence and was wrong in law.

Opponents were Cheung Yee-ko, Leung Shing, Cheung Foo and Tam Ming, sub-tenants of the flat.

The Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, instructed by Mr A. S. C. Comber, appeared for the appellant. Opponents were not represented by Counsel.

In a written judgment, Mr Justice Gould said:

This is an appeal against the refusal of a tenancy tribunal to make an order of eviction against the four respondents, all of whom are occupiers of portions of No. 414 Queen's Road West, 2nd floor. The facts in brief are that the respondents were sub-tenants of their respective portions of this property and one Kwok Pak-hang was principal tenant.

On May 24, 1947, the appellant by her solicitor gave the principal tenant notice to quit on or before June 30, 1947, and on May 31, 1947, gave notice to the respondents under section 12 (2) of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, requiring them at the expiration of one calendar month after service, to pay their respective rentals directly to the landlord.

PECULIAR INTIMATION

The last mentioned notice contained also the somewhat peculiar intimation that "service of determination of the principal tenancy has been served upon Kwok Pak-hang." It must be assumed that the first word "service" in that quotation was intended to be "notice."

On July 31, 1947, letters were sent to the respondents on behalf of the appellant referring to the notice of May 31 and asking for payment of rent for July, 1947.

Prior to these notices, on April 30, 1947, Kwok Pak-hang, then principal tenant, was fined by a Magistrate for charging the sub-tenants excessive rent. At that time the Magistrate made no order for eviction of the principal tenant, and it would seem that whatever he said on this subject has been relied upon by the respondents as entitling them to continue to pay their rent to the principal tenant, even after receiving the notices above referred to. In this the tribunal found that they had acted in good faith and refused to make an order for eviction.

The appeal against this refusal is on the ground, firstly, that there was no sufficient evidence that the respondents acted in good faith in paying their rent to the principal tenant, and, secondly, that the rent, being payable to the appellant and not to the principal tenant, was in arrears for more than 30 days and the tribunal had no discretion to refuse the order.

A CONCESSION

Before these matters arise for consideration, it is necessary first to decide whether the notices served on behalf of the appellant had the effect of creating in law a liability on the respondents to pay their rental direct to the appellant. This point was not taken before the Tenancy Tribunal by the respondents, who were not legally represented there or in this Court.

In view of the fact that a great many of the tribunals have no legally qualified members, it has been the practice of this Court, where a party has appeared before a tribunal in person, to permit a point of law to be taken on his behalf on appeal even though not taken before the tribunal. This concession would

Millions Of Aid Dollars

Britain Heads The Marshall List

Washington, Sept. 5.—An Economic Co-operation Administration report published here today showed that Britain headed the list of recipient nations with an allocation of just over US\$341 million as the Marshall aid plan entered its sixth month.

France was second with \$337,832,

208, Italy third with \$140,328,014

and the Union of Germany fourth with \$142,320,347.

The report showed that though grants were increasing rapidly, repayable loans were lagging far behind schedule. The only loan approved so far was \$2,300,000 to Iceland for fisheries. This was less than half of one percent of the funds earmarked to finance overseas industrial recovery projects in the Marshall plan's first six months.

European governments have been reported resisting the three per cent interest and the repayment terms proposed by ECA, believing that more liberal terms would be appropriate for their financial condition.

LOANS AND GRANTS

An ECA spokesman said today that loans are expected to be signed quickly when some compromise is reached. This should occur before the end of this month.

The half-year ECA programme called for \$500 million in loans and \$2,000 million in grants. If the present rate of approvals were increased slightly, ECA might reach its half-year grants target.

The totals to other countries so far were:

Holland \$93,443,870; Austria \$8,905,101, China \$74,293,105, Greece \$68,310,228, Denmark \$32,027,000, Norway \$20,334,405, French Zone of Germany \$23,508,193, Trieste \$9,608,549, and Belgium \$2,214,514.—Reuter.

A PERSISTENT OFFENDER

A boat-mistress, Ho Tai-so, who had been previously warned and fined for carrying excess passengers was this morning fined \$200 by Mr Cuirs at the Marine Court for a similar offence.

According to Sub-Inspector Nipper, Ho was arrested off the Star Ferry wharf in Kowloon this morning. She was carrying coolies from Wanchai and had 55 persons on her boat although it was licensed only for 17.

British Troops For Burma

(Continued from Page 1)

Between 30 and 40 Chinese terrorists today attacked the Sweetwater Estate near Johore Bahru, across the causeway from Singapore Island, and wounded two special constables, the police stated here.

The terrorists partly destroyed a bridge by setting it on fire to prevent the arrival of police reinforcements.

The body of a Chinese rubber estate owner missing since Wednesday was found near Yong Peng, central Johore, today.

Three police patrolmen escaped with slight injuries when terrorists ambushed them with an automatic weapon at Pusing, near Ipoh.

Representatives of 40,000 trade unionists decided today at Kuala Lumpur to form a Malaysian Labour Party, but deferred action until December.

The formation of a Labour Party on Singapore Island was announced recently.—Reuter.

been completely omitted. Therefore the principal tenant remained the statutory tenant of the whole premises. It was consequently impossible to give a valid notice to the sub-tenants under sub-section 2 as it is obvious from the wording of that sub-section that the giving of the second notice under sub-section 1 is a condition precedent.

It cannot be suggested that the Legislature contemplated the possibility of converting the sub-tenant into direct tenant of the landlord without diverting the principal tenant of his tenancy, even though only statutory, of the whole premises. In the present case, therefore, the notice to the sub-tenants, the condition precedent not having been observed, could have no legal effect.

The result is that the respondents did not become liable to pay rent direct to the landlord and were not liable to evict on the application of the latter for failure to do so.

The tribunal made an order for eviction against Kwok Pak-hang, within 30 days from the 4th June, 1948. Even if the tribunal had then required the respondents as sub-tenants it would obviously not have ordered their eviction; their position is therefore regulated by section 23 of the Ordinance and they must now be regarded as direct tenants of the appellant.

Whether their direct tenancies should be deemed to commence on the 4th June, or the 4th July depends on the construction of sections 23 (b) and 23 of the Ordinance and has not been argued before me but I think the true view is that the correct date is the 4th June.

Being of the opinion expressed above I do not consider it necessary to decide the other point of law argued before me. The appeal is refused.

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Labour Day In The States

Chicago, Sept. 5.—Americans celebrated the long Labour Day holiday as seldom before, but the toll of violent deaths appeared to be lagging behind that of the average weekend.

A United Press survey, showed 135 persons killed since Friday night in the final summer holiday. The toll included 62 traffic fatalities, 11 drownings and 32 deaths from miscellaneous mishaps.

Traffic officials estimated that 100,000 Americans were away from home, seeking a last fling at resorts, fishing streams and other vacation spots. Millions of cars were on the streets and highways.—United Press.

CITY REVOLTS

Calabar, Cuba, Sept. 5.—The city of Calabar is in rebellion against the Cuban Government because it says the Government has failed to meet its demands for a modern sewage system and paved streets.

Police and soldiers patrolled the city and forced some citizens to sweep the streets. Calabar has been placed under curfew.

In Cuba, Municipal improvements for most cities are handled by the Central Government.—Associated Press.

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AMERICANS WIN THE DAVIS CUP

Forest Hills, Sept. 5.—The United States today kept possession of the Davis Cup when Billy Talbert and Gardner Mulloy beat Billy Sidwell and Colin Long, of Australia, 8-6, 9-7, 2-6, 7-5 in clinching the doubles match of the challenge round.

This doubles victory before 6,000 fans in the West Side tennis stadium was the third match won by the Americans in the best three of five series.

Interport Team Leaves Tomorrow

Six members of the Hongkong Interport Lawn Bowls team will be leaving for Shanghai tomorrow by the ss. Wingsang when she sails from the Custodian Wharf at 4 p.m.

They are Messrs. R. F. da Lin (Club de Recreio), J. S. Landolt and W. Wong Sling (Craingengower), C. S. Rosselet (KCC), L. Sykes and R. P. Phillips (KBGC). Mr Phillips will manage the team.

The other member of the team, Mr T. A. Madar (KCC) will be flying up to Shanghai. Accompanying the team also are Messrs. Vic Labrum and A. J. ("Hope") Kew of the Kowloon Cricket Club and the possibility arises of the KCC being able to turn out its own rink for a game with a Shanghai club.

The team is booked to return by the "Wingsang" on September 23 or 24.

PARIS CYCLING

Paris, Sept. 5.—The Belgian cyclist, Albert Hendrick, won the Paris Bicycle race today, covering the 1,182-kilometre distance in the record time of 14 hours 36 minutes and 42 seconds.

The Belgian speedster covered the distance from Paris to the Naval base and return, lowering the record set last year by the Austrian, Hubert Opperman, by one hour and 23 minutes. Hendrick beat his countryman, Neuville, by a mere length.

Third place went to Faizo of Italy in 41 hours 37 minutes and 40 seconds, with Tacco of France, fourth.—United Press.

American National Swimming Titles

Akron, Ohio, Sept. 5.—The Brighton Hotel team of Atlantic City took its first National AAU swimming title here today as Olympic champion, Jimmy McLane added the 800-metre free-style crown to his list of victories.

Led by Joe Verduer, who won two championships during the meet, the Brighton squad ended the day with 40 points. New Haven was second with 38 and Ohio State University third with 37.

In the finals today, Robert Nugent of New York Athletic Club led all the way to win the 100-metre free-style title in 55.5 seconds. Bill Dudley of New Orleans Athletic Club was second and Dick Thoman of Cincinnati Coca-Cola Club was third.

For the fourth straight year, 17-year-old McLane won the 800-metre championship.

He beat his hottest rival, Jack Taylor, also 17, of Akron Firestone Club to win the race in 10:17.1.

Forbes Norris of Harvard was third.

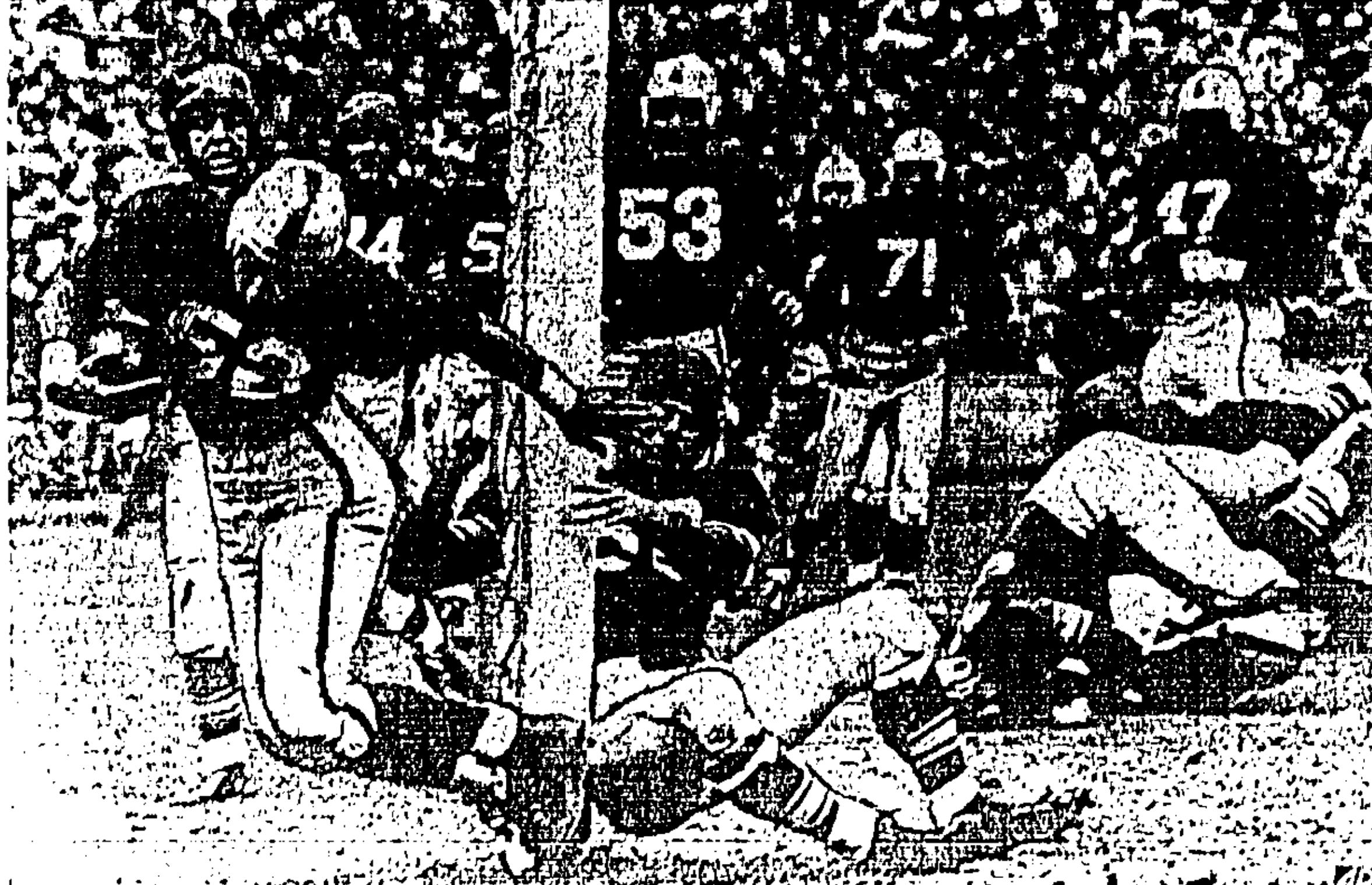
Verduer today added the 300-metre individual medley to the 100-metre backstroke crown he won yesterday. The Brighton Hotel star splashed his way through the race in four minutes flat.—United Press.

French Athletes Win From Czechs

Paris, Sept. 5.—A thrilling win by Emile Zatopek, the Olympic 10,000 metres champion, who finished with a terrific burst to win the 5,000 metres event by 250 yards, was the outstanding feature of an international athletics contest, in which France defeated Czechoslovakia by 61 points to 77.

Running with effortless ease on a heavy track, Zatopek won in 14 minutes 28.4 seconds.—Reuter.

TOUCHDOWN FOR '49ERS



Hal Shoener, '49er end, skirts around the goal post for a touch-down in the second quarter after taking a lateral from Frankie Albert.

Baltimore Colts' Jack Fitch rammed the goal posts trying to stop Shoener. The '49ers went on to defeat the Colts, 42 to 14 in a professional exhibition game at San Francisco.—AP Wirephoto.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION SENDS OUT A "NOTE PLEASE!"

British Soccer Touring Teams And Overseas Criticism

London, Sept. 5.—Overseas criticism of the conduct of British football touring teams is reported in a bulletin issued by the Football Association, which reminds clubs that "any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

The statement says that a report has been received by the Association showing that the conduct of one or two of the club teams playing in matches abroad has not reflected the standard of sportsmanship that might have been expected, and it has reflected little credit on British football,

"Much of the trouble seems to have been due to faulty refereeing," the statement continues. "Clubs are advised to press for the appointment of neutral officials in all matches against foreign sides and while it only affects a small minority of clubs they are reminded that any match overseas, unless it is played in the very best sporting tradition, can do as much harm to Britain's name as it can do good."

In a comment on this bulletin, connections of several Football League teams are reported to have spoken adversely of the quality of the refereeing their teams encountered in overseas matches.

Mr Duke Mangan, manager of Queen's Park Rangers, suggested that a neutral referee, or Briton, should always be in charge of such

matches. He said that foreign crowds were apt to get excited and demonstrate, and such demonstration seemed to influence their referees.

Mr Bob Jackson, of Portsmouth, said that he had received copies of newspapers from Sweden and Denmark, where Portsmouth played, and one of them said that the British team had been robbed of a goal by the referee.

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McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Four Hearts Proves Best Contract Here

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

FOR the past 20 years the Ohio State championships tournament in Cleveland has been one of the largest and most outstanding bridge events of the country. Ben Creel, president of the Cleveland Whist Club, and his associates maintained that reputation for the tournament this year.

It was especially pleasing to me because of the fact that I won sufficient points at the tournament to become a Life Master. My official duties in the past had prevented me from participating in important events. However, I had accumulated 297 master points and needed three more for the coveted title of Life Master. Then I won in the Ohio State mixed pair event with Anne Rosenfeld of Cleveland, when we finished third.

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| McKenney | ♦ Q32 |
| | ♦ KQ05 |
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| Mrs. Rosenfeld | |
| ♦ AK76 | |
| ♦ A93 | |
| ♦ A75 | |
| ♦ None | |
| Tournament—Neither vul | |
| South West North East | |
| 1♦ 2♦ Pass 3♦ 4♦ Pass | |
| Opening—K | 21 |

Miss Rosenfeld was the declarer on today's hand. Some of the contestants made the mistake of getting into a four-spade contract, which was defended. We arrived at what I thought was a normal four-heart contract.

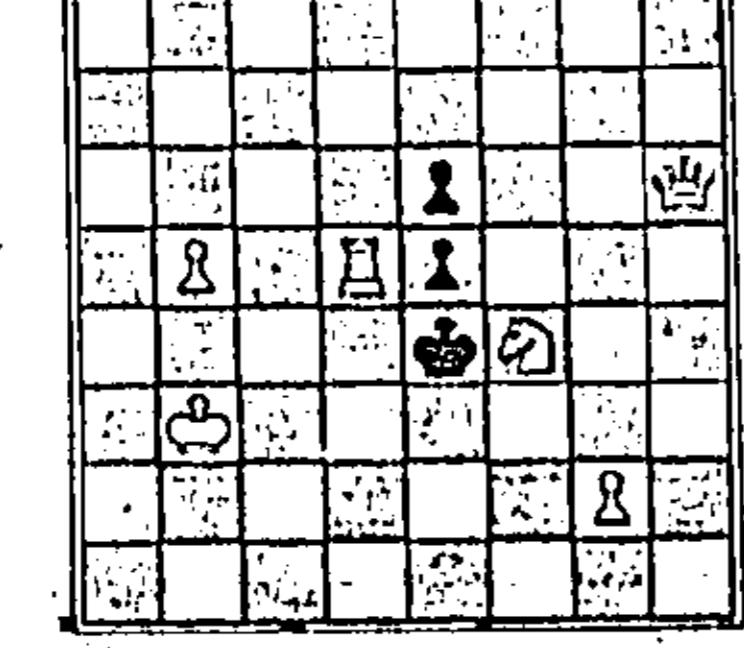
Anne trumped the opening lead of hearts, and then made the mistake of leading back the queen of clubs. She realized that she had to guard against a four-on-break in trumps so she cashed the ace of spades, then led a small spade to dummy's queen. When both opponents followed, she led the three of spades from dummy.

East trumped with the four of hearts, and then made the mistake of leading back the queen of clubs. Anne trumped with the eight of hearts, cashed the heart ace, went over to dummy by playing the nine of hearts, then led the other high trump, picking up East's last heart. She returned to her hand with a diamond, cashed the two good spades and ruffed a diamond in dummy, making five-odd.

A diamond return by East after trick four might have given declarer more trouble with the hand.

CHESS PROBLEM

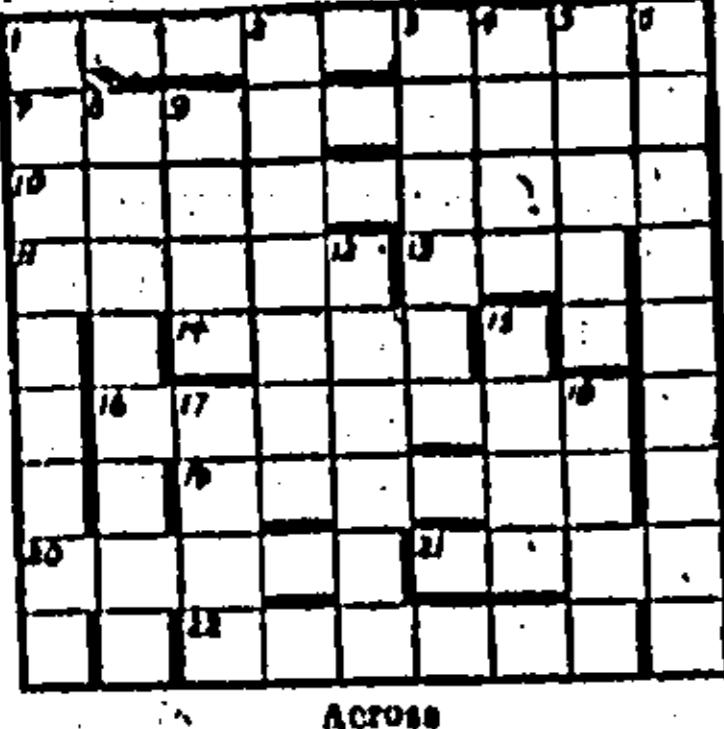
By G. CHOCOLOUS
Black, 3 pieces.



Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. R-B2, any; 2. Q, B, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1. Action by the housewife that would be noted by the student
2. Keep company.
3. Her cheate as useful containers.
4. As ever in my great 11 and 12.
5. Milton's.
6. Author of King Solomon's Mines.

14. 'Is natural in the tropics'. (6)
15. An action that is stale aboard this way. (6)
16. Shrewd. (6)
17. Be your proper place in life. (6)
18. Even an undicted hawk may. (6)
19. Not the man who throws things but a sort of hockey player. (6)

20. Down
21. It is not necessarily used for a bow window. (4)

22. A trub it might follow Vera. (4)

23. Or the imp it would charge with crime. (4)

24. He was one of Shakespeare's real tragedies. (4)

ZBW RADIO

1. If you go for this you may be harassed for life. (6)
2. Form of propulsion that reminds you of the early days of flight. (6)
3. Bit as a restful mixture. (6)
4. One way to serve meat. (4)
5. His outlook is dark. (6)
6. Sounds like the family of a carnivorous mammal yet it's a fur seal. (6)
7. It is not necessarily used for a bow window. (4)
8. A trub it might follow Vera. (4)
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11. Programme Summary: 0.01, "Jim Session"; 0.30, Hospital Requests; 1.15, "The Last Waltz"; 1.30, "Music Hall" presented by Philip Burn and Alan Russell (Studio); 7.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); 10.30, World Information Broadcast (Studio); 11.30, India Color Talks on Films (Studio); 9.30, "I Like What I Like" presented by Eric Ereck (Studio); 9.35, "Play" with Nelly Ternay; 10.30, Arthur Gilbert (IDCFS); 9.30, "Grief: Diabetes," On 24...Eileen Joyce (Piano); 9.45, Alfred Campoli and His Orchestra; 10.30, World News Review (London); 10.30, Weather Report and 16 Selections from Opera; 10.45, The Music of Alter... Played by Paul Whiteman & Concert Orch.; 11. Radio Newswel (London); 11.30, Weather Report and Close Down.

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